THE HON'BLE MS JUSTICE G.ROHINI

WRIT PETITION No.19699 of 2006

Date 22-09-2006

Between:

S.Mahamod.

..... PETITIONER

AND

The Sub-Divisional Forest Officers, Madanapalle, Chittoor District and another.

.....RESPONDENTS

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O R D E R :

This writ petition is filed seeking a Writ of Mandamus declaring that the action of the respondents in not releasing the vehicle bearing No.AP 04 U 2204 as arbitrary and illegal.

The material on record shows that the vehicle in question was involved in a forest offence and on that ground, it was seized along with the forest produce and produced before the Authorised Officer/Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Madanapalle, on 13-02-2006. It appears that thereafter the petitioner made an application seeking interim custody of the vehicle in question. However, the same was rejected by order dated 13-02-2006 observing that there is no reason to grant interim release of the vehicle since the investigation is pending with the Forest Range Officer, Madanapalle.

Having heard the learned counsel for both the parties, I do not find any justifiable reason to interfere with the said order and grant interim custody at this stage, instead, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to the first respondent to complete the enquiry pending under the provisions of the A.P. Forest Act, 1967 and appropriate orders be passed in accordance with law within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No order as to costs.

22-09-2006

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